
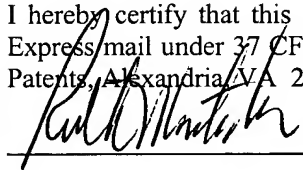


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Applicant(s): Mark Bendett et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRECISION WORKING OF MATERIAL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated May 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A request for continued examination along with the appropriate fees is submitted herewith. In the event that this paper is late filed and a necessary Petition for an Extension of Time is not concurrently filed herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by check attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee, or any other fee required in connection with this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.